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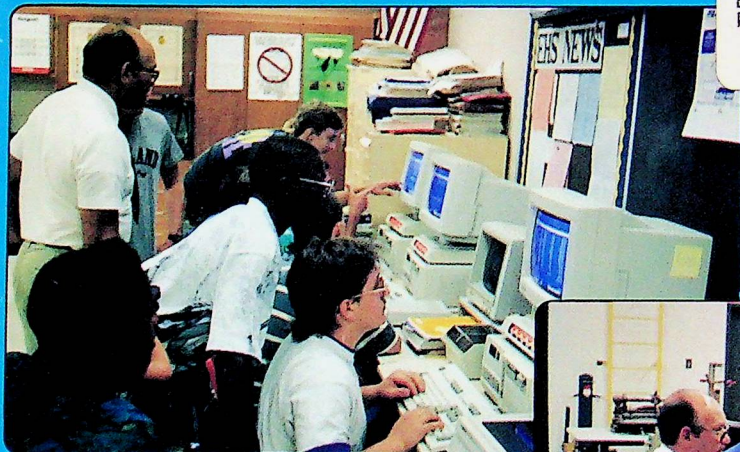
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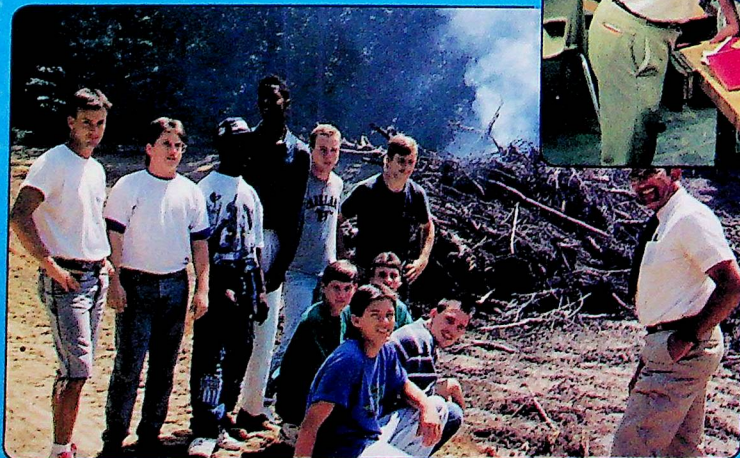
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## SOUTH CAROLINA GETS AQUACULTURE GRANT, CURRICULUM



The Aquaculture Program at Edisto High School includes computer programs to monitor fish feeding (above) and lab materials to monitor water changes (right).



George Ulmer (right), agriculture teacher at Edisto High, and students of his aquaculture class watch construction of the school's new fish pond. Students in the class are (standing) Kenny Leak, Toby Lawson, Michael Mitchell, Michael Hughes, Chris Davis, Barry Altman; (kneeling) Tate Jameson, Phillip Smith, James Morgan, Greg McDougal.



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# Notes from the Executive Secretary



## TO FFA MEMBERS

BY J. EARL FRICK, JR.

FFA members are off to a new school year, which will mean new opportunities to develop leadership skills and participate in a number of exciting and challenging programs. All students enrolled in agricultural education should join the FFA organization to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available. You can earn award money and recognition in a number of interesting areas. Encourage your friends to join you in making this a banner year for the FFA organization.

Plans are progressing for the South Carolina FFA delegation to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 13-16. Airline seats will be available from Columbia, Greenville-Spartanburg, Charlotte and Myrtle Beach.

The teachers in District 4 (Aiken area) are also organizing a bus trip again this year. Rooms have been reserved at the Howard Johnson Hotel on Washington Street in Kansas City. The airline tickets and rooms are available on a first-come, first served basis. The total cost for FFA members is \$368 (\$320 airline ticket, \$48 room), and the cost for adults is \$401 (\$320 airline ticket, \$81 room).

The cost for bus transportation is significantly lower. Have your FFA advisor contact a State Staff person by October 1 if you are interested in going to Kansas City. Noted speakers will include Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jerry Clower, with several motivational speakers scheduled to appear on the program.

A new FFA personal development conference titled "MADE FOR EXCELLENCE" has been scheduled for S.C. FFA members October 26-27 at the Town House Hotel in Columbia. The conference will help you find out what makes you unique and special; how you can develop and maintain a positive outlook on life; how to deal with negative peer pressures; and how to set and achieve your goals. Exciting workshops will be conducted by outstanding FFA members - including past state and national FFA officers, and Washington Conference Program (WCP) staff members. Plan to attend MFE, a conference designed to help you achieve "gold medal" success in life. Ask your FFA advisor for details concerning your attendance.

## TO YOUNG FARMERS

BY STEVE WILLIS

The South Carolina Young Farmers Association will hold its 44th annual convention on January 17-18, 1992, at the Sheraton in Charleston. The convention will begin with registration at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, followed by a reception, and the production awards banquet begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Farm Service Center award will be presented, along with awards in Corn, Soybean, Cotton, Livestock, Forest Management and Energy Efficiency. Our featured speaker is Morris Jones of Saluda, South Carolina.

Chapter awards and Young Farmer of the Year will be presented Saturday evening. Also, a Case IH tractor will be presented to the State President during the banquet.

Hugh Weathers and Charles Edens have arranged for a casino/auction to take place from 9:30 to midnight as entertainment on Saturday evening. Everyone seemed to have a great time last year, so we have added some

more tables.

The Convention Attendance Award in the amount of \$50.00 will go to the chapter with the largest number of Young Farmers attending all sessions of the convention. The score will be counted at one point per person for each session attending, including the banquets, exhibits and luncheons. In addition, we purposely put in some free time on Saturday afternoon so that members and their families can enjoy this historic area.

This is the first year in a long time that we have been in Charleston. The facilities are good and reasonable, the food's great, the shopping is uncrowded and the exhibits are educational and entertaining. Best of all, the two days provide an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. So, Young Farmers, plan to bring the family for a nice weekends in Charleston.

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## National FFA Convention Offers Total Excitement

More than 225 South Carolina FFA members will represent the state at the 64th National FFA Convention, November 13-16, in Kansas City. The theme for the convention is "FFA — Leadership for a Growing Planet," which focuses on FFA's role in preparing young people for agricultural and environmental challenges of a growing population.

Keynote speakers include Arnold Schwarzenegger, actor and chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; Jerry Clower, country comedian; Captain Gerald Coffee, former POW during the Vietnam War; Scott McKain, former national FFA secretary; Jack C. Parnell, former Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; and Dave Roeber, Vietnam War veteran.

The South Carolina delegation will include state and district winners in several categories of competitive activities. Many of the students attending have won expense paid trips to Kansas City as contest winners. Students will compete in livestock judging, agricultural mechanics, forestry, floriculture, nursery/landscape, and farm business management contests.

Under new delegate rules adopted last year, official voting delegates from South Carolina will be the six state officers: Will Harman of Gilbert, Walter Lee High of Holly-Hill Roberts, Tony Pope of Pleasant Hill, Terri Williams of Travelers Rest, Lee Mayfield of Dorman, Greg Padgett of Pelion.

The National Agricultural Career Show is scheduled in conjunction with the FFA convention and includes displays and exhibits describing career fields.

## South Carolina Has Ten American FFA Degrees

Ten South Carolinians of agricultural education will receive the American FFA Degree, the highest award in agricultural education, during ceremonies next month at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Each winner receives a gold American FFA Degree key and a partially-paid trip to the convention.

Those selected and their chapters include: Bruce Altman, Scott Everett, Jason Poston, Charles T. Richardson, Todd R. Williams, all of Britton's Neck; Gennie L. Capps of Pleasant Hill; Tyler L. Epps of Lexington; Charles R. Kitchens of James F. Byrnes; Steven B. Shirley of Belton-Honea Path; Greg B. Thomas of Strom Thurmond.

## Strom Thurmond Charters FFA Alumni



*Present at the charter meeting of the Strom Thurmond FFA Alumni Association were Back row: Carroll Wates, treasurer; Kevin Mims, Secretary; Front: Ken Chapman, advisor; Billy Wall, president; David Caddell, Larry Hatcher, vice-president; Michael Hammond*



## Johnsonville's Stone Beats Georgia, Tennessee in Tri-State Contest

Patrick Stone of Johnsonville High won first place in the Tri-State FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest at Clemson University on July 18. Stone represented the South Carolina FFA defeating representatives from Tennessee and Georgia.

His public speaking victories in the FFA include first place in State FFA Creed Speaking; and a scholarship to Washington, D.C. There he participated in the FFA Leadership Conference and learned about genetic engineering at the Agriculture Research Service.

As a senior his victories include winning the Johnsonville Chapter, the Florence-Darlington Federation, the District Three, the S.C. state, and the Tri-State FFA Prepared Public Speaking Competition. He received a scholarship to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in November. There he will compete with two other Tri-State winners for the Southern Region title. The Southern Region winner, along with the Central, Eastern, and Western Region winners, will compete on stage in front of an audience of 24,000 for the national title. The competition is based on the written copy of the speech, the 6-8 minute delivery, and the answers to the five minutes of questions at the end of the speech.

Harmon Cooper, Johnsonville 1990-91 Teacher of the Year, and FFA advisor. Cooper will attend the National FFA Convention with Stone and Jody White, District Three Agribusinessman.



Aynor's Harry DuBose gets his first period Agriscience I class started on learning the fundamentals



Livestock showing, as these Crescent High students demonstrate, is one of the many FFA activities in the state.

## 1991 School Year Offers New FFA Opportunities

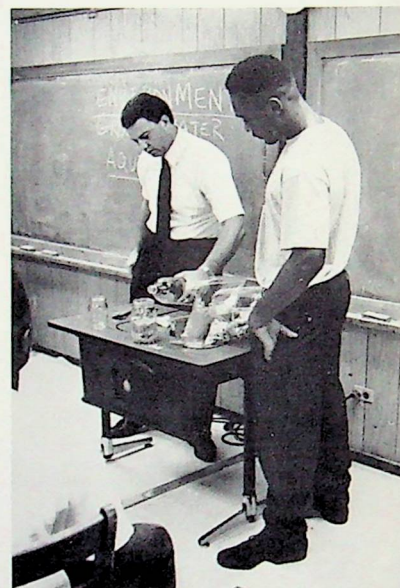
The 1991 school year began with new and returning students eager to learn about FFA and the changing world of agriculture. Some 5,000 students enrolled in high school agriculture classes in South Carolina and most are FFA members.

For many, joining FFA means learning a new FFA Creed, learning something about parliamentary procedures, and becoming part of a great organization. For some, it means participating in livestock shows, potting plants in greenhouses and operating tractors. It includes electing officers and attending meetings and studying for district and state competitions.

FFA means a trip to Kansas City for 225 students in November and the opportunity to meet members from other states. It means recognizing the goals and values of our national heritage in agriculture and participating in it. FFA activities include planting trees in the community, using management computer skills, and learning about aquaculture and the environment. FFA students can expect a busy school year from now until June, when summer camp at Cherry Grove and the state convention at Clemson ends it.

Feeling the pride from wearing the blue FFA corduroy jacket is part of the school year. It is learning that South Carolinians are former FFA members and that they, like all FFA members, believe in the future of agriculture.

As senior Fred Glover watches, Andrew's High's new teacher Jay Rowe demonstrates some basic principles of environmental/ground water management.



## Five Agriculture Teachers Have New School Assignments

The following are new and returning agriculture education teachers and their respective schools: Audie Green, The Career Center of Anderson Districts 1 & 2, Williamston; Tommy Gladden of Chester County Career Center; Jay Rowe of Andrews High School; Dan Poston of Marion High School; and Hugh Bland of Midland Valley High School, Langley.



Students in the agricultural sales and service class at Loris High clean up the greenhouse as teacher Ben Hardee looks about for more volunteers.



Loris FFA officers Michael Hilburn and Mitchell Cox practice their ag mechanics skills on a tractor during the first week of classes.



Jule Paxton and his buggy brought many smiles to riders.



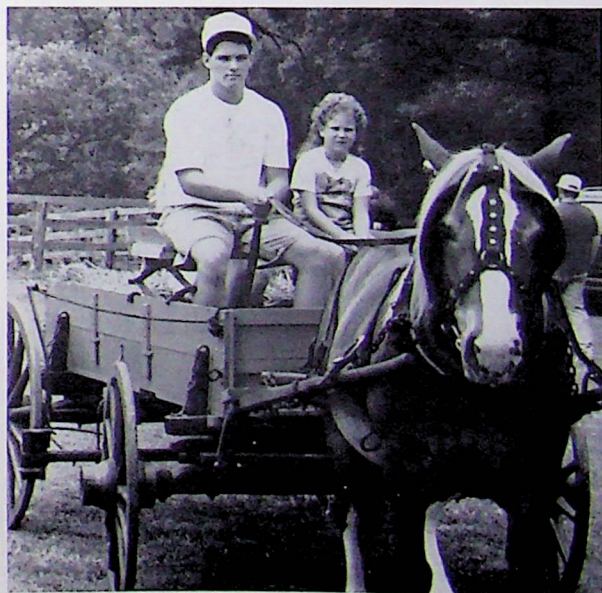
This pair of mules generated a lot of interest as they plowed a field.

## HILLCREST HOSTS DRAFT HORSE SPECTACULAR

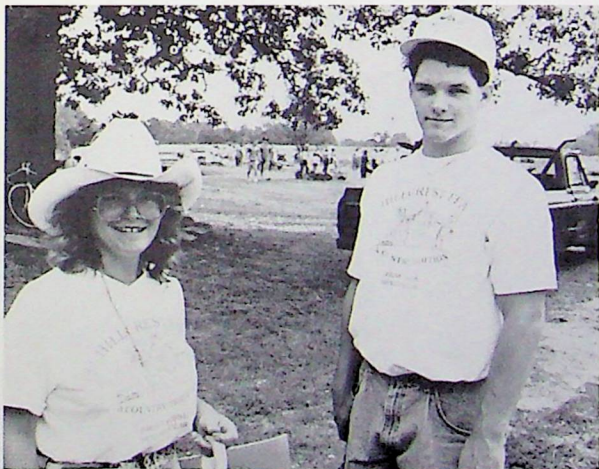
More than 300 visitors turned out for the Hillcrest FFA Draft Horse Spectacular held on Saturday, July 27 in the Fairview community. Twenty members from the chapter, led by Genni Impson, Trinity Paxton, and Brian Vaughn, coordinated about two dozen combinations of horses and wagons for the event that was held on the farm of David and Michelle Phillips.

There were buggy, carriage and wagon rides for every one during the day, as well as a show of teams of mules and horses ploughing fields. Along with t-shirts and caps, the chapter sold hot dogs and drinks to raise funds for the chapter.

Brian Vaughn handles the reins of a draft horse and wagon.



Ag teacher and FFA advisor Clark Woods gets the refreshment tent ready for the crowd.



Hillcrest FFA officers Genni Impson and Brian Vaughn spent days getting the Fairview community site ready for the Saturday show.



SCVATA officers Mark Wyndham, Michael Haynes and Darrell Ricketts share points of view before starting the SCVATA meeting.



The SCVATA annual meeting brings the state's agricultural teachers to Columbia in July for a discussion of issues.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO COLUMBIA FOR

District meetings, exhibits and workshops on current agricultural topics highlighted the Annual Vocational Conference held in July. Approximately 25 agricultural educators came to the USC Coliseum on Monday, July 29 to discuss the latest issues in agriculture. District meetings on

## SCVATA ELECT

Thomas Dawkins, agriculture teacher at Estill High School, is the new president of the South Carolina Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. He succeeded Michael Haynes of Manning at the July meeting. Other new officers include Glen Stevens, President-Elect; Donnie Garrett, District 1 Vice-President; Chris Edge, District 2 Vice-President; Keith Cox, District 3 Vice-President; and Joe Wilson, District 4 Vice-President. Darrell Ricketts remains as treasurer and G. P. Jones, Jr. was named Executive Secretary.

The following service and retirement awards were presented at the July meeting. Ten-year service awards went to Fred Raines of Abbeville High School; Stanley Gibson of Cherokee AVC; Frank R. Stover, Jr. of Pelion High School; Chris Edge



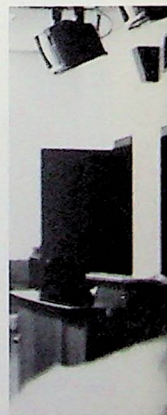
Diana and Gilmore McManus, formerly at Andrews High School, celebrated his retirement after 34 years of teaching agricultural education in South Carolina.



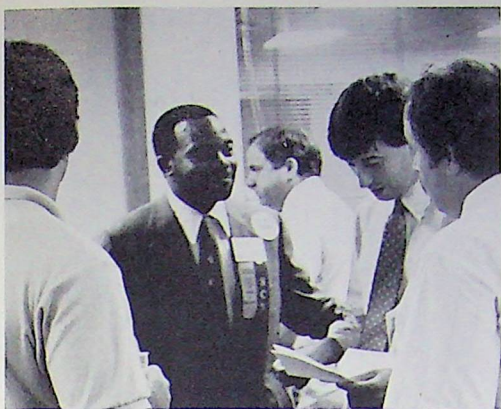
G. P. Jones, newly elected SCVATA executive secretary, pays his SCVATA dues to treasurer Darrell Ricketts.



George Ulmer, W. P. Lloyd and Tommy Gladden discuss teaching strategies at the SCVATA drop-in on Monday evening.



Dr. Milton B. Wise, Agriculture and Nat. ty, described the c in the 1990s.



SCVATA President Thomas Dawkins and President-Elect Glen Stevens discuss the conference program.



Agricultural materials distributed at the sessions included a video news release and a report on Task Force 2000.

## THE DRAWS TEACHERS EDUCATION, AWARDS

Tuesday were followed by Wednesday's special interest workshops on greenhouse bedding crops, marketing agricultural products, ag mechanics hydraulic systems, computer applications and aquaculture operations.

## NEW OFFICERS

of Clover High School; Olin Coskrey of Chesterfield High School; Timothy Maye of Central High School; and James Ulmer III of Holly Hill-Robert High School.

Twenty-year service awards went to Dennis Haltiwanger of Boiling Springs High School, Roger D. Smith of Bethune High School and Lee Stoudemire of Elloree High School.

Walter Tart of Marion High School and Olin F. Counts, Jr. of Ridge Springs-Monetta High School received plaques for thirty years of service. Retirement awards of engraved silver trays went to B. F. Wyatt of The Career Center of Anderson Districts 1 & 2; Gilmore McManus of Andrews High School; and Walter Tart of Marion High School.



Chris Edge of Clover receives the SCVATA ten year award from Tom Welsh of Farm Credit Bank of Columbia.



President/Vice Provost,  
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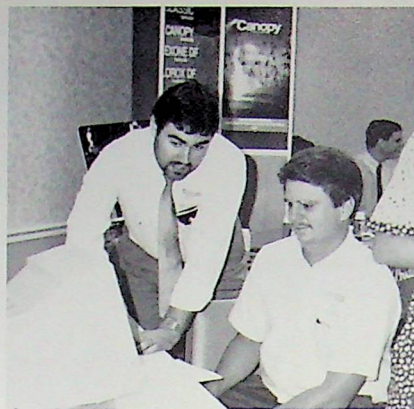
Tim May of Central High School  
displays his ten year certificate.



B. F. Wyatt, formerly at The Career Center of Anderson  
Districts 1 & 2, receives the SCVATA retirement award from  
Tom Welsh of Farm Credit Bank of Columbia.



*Young farmers and their families board the bus for the tour of farms.*



*During the social Friday night, a computer software representative shows Steve McCannon how a farm management program works.*



*The Layman Tree Farm, an Edgefield shrubbery and tree grower, was the second interesting stop on the tour.*

## Young Farmers Enjoy 1991 Annual Summer Tour

Members of the Edgefield and the Saluda Young Farmers Chapters, led by Ken Chapman and John Crawford, put together the 1991 YF Summer Tour. Held on August 9-10, the events began Friday night with a social at the Holiday Inn, Aiken.

After breakfast Saturday morning, the bus tour included stops at Lewis Holmes Packing Shed, Layman Tree Farm, Yonce Catfish Farm, and Ridge Peach Growers Association. A barbecue chicken lunch at Saluda High School was followed by a tour of the Saluda Tractor Pull site. Tickets for the tractor pull show were available to tour members at that time.

Sponsors for the tour included DuPont Chemical Co., ICI Americas, Mobay Chemical Co., Derrick Equipment Company, Gold Kist, Dow, and Amick Farms.



*Tour members got insight into catfish production at the Yonce Catfish Pond.*



*Saluda Young Farmers did the cooking for the barbecue chicken lunch at the high school.*



Kuger Lee, Chrissy Luttens, and Rob Stone pose with the various feeds that the Crescent chapter sells.

## Crescent is Newest Purina Dealer

"We should handle about 100 tons of feed this year," predicts FFA Advisor John Herron. Herron and the chapter's busy livestock program are the forces behind the Crescent FFA Chapter becoming a Purina dealership in July. Much of the product is sold to chapter members for their livestock and includes beef, swine, horse and chicken feeds. Prices are competitive and profits are split with the school.

"Most of our customers use about two bags per week," Herron adds. Customers must call ahead to place their orders and chapter members load the feed before and after the school day. According to Purina key accounts manager Matt Ketcham, who helped Herron in establish the outlet, "It's the only high school Purina dealership I know of and a very unique situation."



Crescent FFA members participating in the Cattle Show are, standing: Benji Harris, Jon Hall, Jeff Payton, Chris Latham, Roy Estridge, Rob Stone, John Horne, Jody McBride, Joe Kelly, Patrick Carnes; kneeling in front: Jennifer Simpson, Tonya Simpson, Chrissy Lutton.

## Livestock Tradition Continues With Crescent FFA Cattle Show

The Crescent FFA Cattle Show on August 31 continued a tradition of fall livestock showings. Categories included novice, intermediate, junior, senior, FFA 1, FFA 2, Alumni and Mom & Pop. FFA Advisors Jay Copelan and John Herron made sure all entrants got a commemorative t-shirt of the event. After the show, everyone attending was treated to a complimentary hot dog and trimmings lunch.

The Crescent show is one of six that the chapter will participate in this season. The chapter's thirty members will drive two trucks and two livestock trailers more than 5,000 miles from August to November. It's a tradition that Crescent FFA members enjoy being a part of it.



Crescent FFA Advisor John Herron makes sure that there's plenty of food for the Cattle Show crowd.



First place winner Rob Stone poses with his mother, Mrs. Cathy Stone. Rob won a trip to Kansas City to the National FFA Convention held in November.

## James F. Byrnes FFA Maintains Coop Program

The James F. Byrnes FFA Cooperative was formed several years ago to give the agriculture students firsthand experience in belonging to and operating a cooperative.

Members of the James F. Byrnes FFA Cooperative are the students in the agriculture classes. Each student, who is an FFA member, is charged a fee at the beginning of the school year to purchase stock in the FFA cooperative. The money is used to help defray the cost of growing the plants.

The cooperative consists of a greenhouse operation where the students grow bedding plants that are sold by the students. The profits from the cooperative are returned to the students in the form of a commission based on the number of plants sold by each student. The total amount of money returned as commission does not exceed the percent of funds invested by the students in the total budget of operating the business. The students actually learn by doing in this situation. Students learn to order



*Participating in a coop trip to a Georgia sheep farm are James F. Byrnes students Jason Bridwell, Wayne Allen and Mark Nelson.*

seeds, erect the greenhouses, operate a greenhouse, grow plants and sell, as well as learn the day to day procedures of managing a cooperative. The program is also supplemented with classroom instruction pertaining to the history of cooperatives and forming and managing cooperatives.

The James F. Byrnes FFA Cooperative members have been fortunate enough to be selected several times by the South Carolina Cooperative Council to

participate in the AIC and NICE Institutes to learn more about cooperatives. Institutes that James F. Byrnes members have participated in have been held in St. Louis, St. Paul and Indianapolis. The AIC and NICE Institutes was held in Charlotte this summer. Many members of cooperatives from across South Carolina attended this institute. Jack Black of Greenville is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Cooperative Council which sponsors the program.



*These coop students learn that potting-out of plants is a basic greenhouse procedure.*

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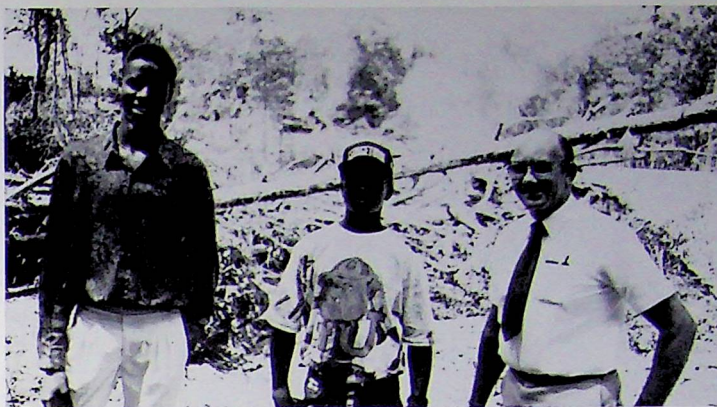
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# Edisto High Starts Aquaculture Fishpond And Curriculum Projects

"I see a lot of growth for our area in aquaculture." Edisto High's George Ulmer predicts. Aquaculture is now a major subject in FFA advisor Ulmer's class preparations this year. His afternoon aquaculture class is an extensive one, complete with laboratory equipment, related classroom curriculum materials and a fish pond that will be completed this month. Students are currently learning the basics of catfish farming with the help of computer feeding programs and new study materials.

The class is part of a pilot aquaculture education program implemented by The National Council for Agricultural Education (The Council). The program is funded by Congress through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research Service. Dr. Alex Hash of Clemson University is the state director for the program.

Edisto is one of four schools to receive grants to pilot aquaculture grants. The others teaching aquaculture this year are Beaufort and West-Oak High Schools, and Beaufort-Jasper Career Education Center.



Shown above in front of the new pond construction, Edisto High students, James Morgan and Michael Mitchell agree that they enjoy George Ulmer (right) and his aquaculture class because "It's new and exciting stuff to learn."

## SCFFA Sponsors First "Made for Excellence" Development Conference

A two-day personal development seminar, "Made For Excellence," will be held October 26-27 at Columbia's Town House. Workshops conducted by outstanding FFA members will focus on various topics including developing and maintaining positive outlooks on life, dealing with negative peer pressures, and setting and achieving goals. The conference is being coordinated by Andrews FFA Advisor Jay Rowe.



Elizabeth Burdette, a West Oak FFA member, is the 1991 South Carolina Junior Polled Hereford Queen. Chosen on the basis of her showmanship, cooperation, and cattle knowledge, Burdette represented the state at the Junior Nationals in July at Abilene, Texas. Along with lambs and swine, she has been showing Polled Herefords for five years.

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